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Prescott-Harshman House

Built 1904, King County Landmark 1984

The Prescott-Harshman House is a carefully restored turn-of-the-century residence. Despite its simplicity, it has a certain “grand” presence, owing to its tall, steep roof with a mock “widow’s walk” at the crown and three tall windowed dormers. It was the residence of Martin and Parthena Prescott from 1904 to 1909. In 1912 it became the home of Newton and Julia Harshman and the office of their business, the Fall City Telephone Company. (The photo above is from 1940.)

The Fall City Telephone Company was a vital link among the communities of Carnation, Preston, Fall City, North Bend, Newcastle, Coal Creek, and Snoqualmie, connecting them with the “outside world.” When Julia died in 1933, her only child, Gertrude, and Gertrude’s husband, George Satterlee, inherited the business. The Satterlees operated the company until Cascade Telephone of North Bend bought them out in 1947. (Scan QR code below for more telephone company history.)



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